

Subject: Deaths on Smart motorways - HE's Stakeholder Panel
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To: TransportSecretary@dft.gov.uk
CC: shappsg@parliament.uk, randersonj@parliament.uk
Category: Safety, DfT

Dear Mr Shapps,

Please refer to [my e-mail to you of 20th January](#), the [reply on your behalf of 14th February](#) and [my post of 28th November - Highways England's non-compliant Stakeholder Advisory panel](#).

5.22 of their License says that HE must ensure that its stakeholder advisory panel included environmental and safety groups, "as appropriate".

It appears that your department feels zero representation from safety groups was appropriate.

This does not bode well for the impartiality your department's review into safety on Smart Motorways.

Kind regards,

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From: Peter Silverman - Clean Highways <petersilverman@cleanhighways.co.uk>
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Dear Mr Shapps,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Secretary of State for Transport.

Please refer to Steve Bird's article dated 18th January in the on-line version of The Telegraph - [Talented university student becomes latest 'stranded' smart motorway death - two others in comas](#)

Highways England was formed in April 2015. Their License from the DfT specified that they **must** establish a **stakeholder advisory panel** and **ensure** that the membership included environment and **safety groups** .

Their failure to do so is detailed at [Highways England's non-compliant Stakeholder Advisory panel](#)

One can only speculate that if they had received advice on safety via a properly constituted panel the recent tragedies may have been mitigated.

I myself nearly lost my life when trying to extricate myself from tight space on a smart lay-by on the M25 in 2017.

I trust this is of help.

Kind regards

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